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EnerNOC, Inc. hereby provides notice of filing of the prepared Direct Testimony of
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1 **Q.1 Please state your name, business affiliation and business address.**

2 A.1 My name is Mona Tierney-Lloyd. I am Director, Western Regulatory Affairs, for
3 EnerNOC, Inc. ("EnerNOC"). My business address is P. O. Box 378, Cayucos,
4 California 93430.
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6 **Q.2 Please describe the nature of EnerNOC's business activities, and particularly those**
7 **activities which are relevant to the subject matter of this preceding.**

8 A.2 EnerNOC is an implementer of commercial and industrial customer energy management
9 solutions, including demand response and a suite of energy efficiency services which
10 provide continuous savings through software and services. EnerNOC has approximately
11 8,500 MW of dispatchable demand response available to provide peak capacity
12 reductions either through contractual relationships with utilities or participating in
13 organized wholesale markets in North America, the United Kingdom, Australia and New
14 Zealand. EnerNOC has a contractual relationship with Tucson Electric Power Company
15 ("TEP" or "Company") to provide demand response services through TEP's Direct Load
16 Control (DLC) Program. EnerNOC is an "implementation contractor" (IC) to TEP.
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18 **Q.3 Please describe your position responsibilities with EnerNOC.**

19 A.3 I am a Director of Western Regulatory Affairs for EnerNOC. In my position, I am
20 responsible for representing EnerNOC's interests before utility regulatory agencies in
21 California, Arizona and New Mexico. Those interests include (i) protecting the value of
22 existing contracts from changes in the regulatory environment, (ii) advocating for the
23 approval of contracts by regulatory agencies, (iii) advocating for expanded opportunities
24 for third-party administered programs for energy efficiency and demand response and
25 (iv) for the incorporation of energy efficiency and demand response into resource
26 planning proceedings.
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1 **Q.4 Have you previously presented testimony before this Commission or regulatory**
2 **commissions in other jurisdictions?**

3 A.4 Yes. Most recently, I testified before the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") in
4 support of the Revised Implementation Plan in TEP's 2011 Energy Efficiency
5 Implementation Plan proceeding in Docket No. E-01933A-11-0055. Previously, I have
6 testified in Case No. U-000-84-165, participated in the ACC's Energy Efficiency
7 Rulemaking (Docket Nos. E-00000J-08-0314 and E-00000C-09-0427), and provided
8 public comment in ACC Open Meetings on various matters, including in support for
9 approval of the Commercial Direct Load Control Program (Docket No. E-01933A-07-
10 0401).

11 In addition, I have filed testimony in California Public Utilities Commission
12 Docket Number R.12-03-014, the Long-Term Procurement Proceeding for all California
13 Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs), wherein EnerNOC testified as to the ability for demand
14 response to provide fast-response resources to displace the need for conventional
15 resources in a local area. I also have testified before the Minnesota Public Utilities
16 Commission in Docket No. E-999/CI-09-1449, about the value of third-party demand
17 response providers, and before the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission in Case
18 No. 09-00257 in support of preserving the existing load management programs, including
19 EnerNOC's contract with Public Service of New Mexico (PNM).

20 Finally, in positions preceding my employment with EnerNOC, I have testified in
21 various dockets in various other state proceedings.
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23 **Q.5 What is the purpose of your Direct Testimony in this proceeding?**

24 A.5 The purpose of my Direct Testimony is to support TEP's Lost Fixed Cost Recovery
25 (LFCR) proposal and the Energy Efficiency (EE) Resource Plan proposal discussed in the
26 prepared Direct Testimony of TEP witnesses David Hutchens and Craig Jones.
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1 **Q.6 Does EnerNOC have a business relationship with TEP which will be impacted by**
2 **the Commission's decision in this proceeding?**

3 A.6 Yes.
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5 **Q.7 Please describe the nature of that business relationship.**

6 A.7 EnerNOC has a four-year contract with TEP to provide commercial load curtailment
7 services pursuant to TEP's Commercial Direct Load Control ("DLC Program").
8 EnerNOC provides TEP with firm capacity curtailment services from TEP's commercial
9 and industrial customers. More specifically, TEP pays EnerNOC for load reductions and
10 EnerNOC pays the customers to curtail their demand as directed. In that regard,
11 EnerNOC provides the customers with equipment that communicates real-time energy
12 usage information to EnerNOC's network operations center (NOC), the customer and
13 TEP. EnerNOC also provides the customers with a site analysis and a detailed energy
14 curtailment plan. The maximum capacity of the contract with TEP is 40 megawatts
15 (MW). The capacity can be dispatched by TEP up to 80 hours per year.
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17 **Q.8 Please briefly describe the benefits of the DLC Program to TEP and to its**
18 **customers.**

19 A.8 The DLC Program provides several benefits to both TEP and its customers, participants
20 and non-participants alike. The DLC Program gives TEP the ability to call upon the
21 program when its demand is approaching peak conditions. The DLC Program gives TEP
22 the flexibility to call upon its demand resources as an alternative to procuring incremental
23 supplies in the wholesale market or to avoid dispatching a less efficient generator. The
24 DLC Program can also be used to provide support when unexpected transmission or
25 generation outages occur, providing reliability support.

26 By dispatching the DLC Program, TEP's participating customers reduce their
27 demand and thereby (i) reduce stress or congestion on the distribution or transmission
28 system, (ii) obviate the need for higher-priced capacity or energy resources, and (iii)

1 contribute to the reserve margin for planning purposes. The DLC Program is distributed
2 across TEP's service territory. It doesn't require green field or brown field development
3 permits or approvals or any new infrastructure investment.

4 EnerNOC provides participating customers with all of the equipment necessary to
5 participate at no charge to the customer. In addition, EnerNOC does an analysis of the
6 customer's premise and delivers a detailed curtailment execution plan to the customer.
7 Customers also receive real-time access to their energy usage data on a five-minute
8 interval basis through a web-based portal. The data access helps the customer to gain
9 insight into how they can manage their energy usage and demand. Customers are paid
10 for their performance. Participation in the DLC Program allows customers to control a
11 portion of their energy costs and receive a payment for that modified behavior. In
12 addition, reducing demand when requested by TEP provides benefits to the reliability and
13 cost of operating the electrical system which benefits all customers.

14 Further, EnerNOC insulates customers from any penalties for failure to perform.
15 If customers fail to perform during program events, EnerNOC does not penalize the
16 customer for that failure. However, EnerNOC is subject to penalties for performance as
17 part of its contract obligations. EnerNOC manages the performance risk associated with
18 its contract obligations through its portfolio design. In that way, EnerNOC can protect
19 the individual customer from penalties by managing the performance of the entire
20 portfolio. Customers who reduce their electricity demand when directed to do so, receive
21 a payment for those reductions. Customers, who do not perform, do not receive a
22 payment, but they do not incur a penalty either. Therefore, participation in the DLC
23 Program is a no-cost, no-risk opportunity to the customer. In the difficult economic
24 climate for businesses today, customers need any edge they can get to reduce operating
25 expenses and improve the bottom line. The DLC Program is one way for customers to
26 reduce their overall energy costs and provide a benefit to the system.
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Q.9 Please summarize TEP's LFCR Proposal.

A.9 TEP has proposed a LFCR Mechanism that would allow TEP to recover a contribution toward its fixed costs that are lost when sales are reduced or remain flat, yet the costs to provide electricity service to customers continue to increase. In that regard, TEP has proposed that it would make an annual filing to the ACC based upon the Measurement, Evaluation and Research calculations of EE savings and the calculation of electricity sales reduction related to distributed generation (DG) associated with the Renewable Energy Standard (REST).

Q.10 Please summarize TEP's EE Resource Plan.

A.10 TEP's EE Resource Plan Proposal would include a 3-year investment plan for EE Programs, and amortize the recovery of those investments over a 4-year period for each year of the investment plan. In so doing, TEP would treat EE investments in a manner comparable to other resource investments: it would depreciate the investment over four years and earn an authorized rate of return on the investment. Recovery of the annual investments over a four-year amortization period would lessen the rate impacts on consumers.

Presently, TEP recovers its costs of implementing EE investments as an expense through its EE Implementation Plans. The Commission reviews these EE Implementation Plans, approves program budgets and authorizes TEP to recover its costs through a demand-side management surcharge (DSMS). TEP's position in this Proceeding attempts to align the manner in which EE Programs are funded with other supply-side resources. This approach solidifies the role of EE Programs into TEP's resource decisions. As indicated in TEP's Integrated Resource Plan (April 2012), EE Programs will comprise a significant component of TEP's overall resource base by 2022,

1 13.36%.¹ Therefore, it makes sense to treat EE resources comparably to traditional
2 generation resources.

3 Furthermore, TEP's proposed EE resource plan is highly cost-effective, which
4 will lead to an optimal balance between future supply-side and demand-side resources.²
5 The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET) produced a study in October 2012
6 called the "\$20 Billion Bonanza". The study calculates the costs and benefits of EE
7 programs throughout the southwest and mountain states (AZ, CO, NV, UT, NM and
8 WY). In summary, \$17.3 B in EE investments returned \$37 B in utility system and
9 public health benefits. Relative to Arizona, the SWEET analysis shows the benefit to
10 cost ratio for state programs to be 2.33.³ That means for every dollar spent, there are 2.33
11 times the benefit. For the DLC Program, the benefit to cost ratio was 2.56.

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13 **Q.11 Why does EnerNOC support TEP's LFCR and EE Resource Plan Proposals?**

14 A.11 As a general proposition, it is paramount to the continuance of an Energy Efficiency
15 Standard (EES) that the barriers to utility acceptance be addressed. In that regard, TEP's
16 compliance with the EES absent a decoupling mechanism would result in revenue erosion
17 and the potential for TEP to be unable to make a contribution toward fixed cost recovery
18 because TEP would be selling fewer units of electricity. If TEP's costs do not reduce
19 commensurately with its revenue, it will have erosion of its ability to earn a reasonable
20 return on its investments. Generally, commissions recognize that energy efficiency
21 policies have this affect of eroding revenue and that such erosion can be an obstacle to
22 utility acceptance, even if there are sizeable benefits to consumers and society at large. It
23 is important to have the support and commitment of the utility, which means removing
24 economic barriers, for the success, continuity and longevity of EE Programs.

25 If utilities face lost revenues, reductions in earnings and the inability to earn a fair
26 rate of return, utilities could oppose or less actively implement such measures as being

27 ¹ TEP IRP April 2012, p. 21

28 ² Id. at p. 166

³ SWEET's "\$20 Billion Bonanza" Report, October 2012, p. xvii.

1 counter to the fiduciary responsibility of managing a utility company. Thus, ignoring
2 revenue erosion issues puts the goals of the EES at risk; and, TEP's LFCR proposal
3 appears to represent a reasonable approach for mitigating that risk.

4 With specific reference to TEP, the LFCR and EE Resource Plan Proposals
5 provide revenue, rate and program stability to TEP, its customers and its ICs. In order for
6 programs to be successful, the commitment and support must continue from the policy
7 development, to implementation, including cost recovery and revenue protection. TEP
8 already has demonstrated a commitment to complying with the ACC's regulatory
9 mandates, including the EES. TEP should have a reasonable assurance of recovery of its
10 reasonably incurred costs and an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return.

11 The LFCR is a form of a decoupling mechanism. Decoupling, breaking the
12 relationship of sales and revenues, is one method of limiting revenue erosion as retail
13 sales shrink. The revenues can be maintained, to varying degrees, despite the fact that
14 actual units of sales are decreasing. These regulations create strong financial incentives
15 for the utility to make cost-effective energy efficiency their top priority, offering them a
16 profit opportunity for alternatives to supply-side resources. Indeed, many states have
17 adopted decoupling mechanisms. According to a recent survey by the Institute for
18 Electric Efficiency, 14 states have electric decoupling mechanisms, including California,
19 Oregon and Idaho.⁴ In addition, five states are awaiting decisions on their proposed
20 decoupling mechanisms.⁵ One of SWEEP's program recommendations in its October
21 2012 Report was to "adopt decoupling or lost revenue recovery mechanisms for all IOUs,
22 not just Arizona Public Service (APS) Company."⁶

23 Even with decoupling, which would increase the cost of the programs, analysis
24 has shown that the net benefits on a societal basis of implementing the EES far outweigh
25 the costs and that decoupling may be necessary to minimize the reduction of the return on
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27 ⁴ Institute for Electric Efficiency, "State Electric Efficiency Regulatory Frameworks", IEE Report, July 2012.

28 ⁵ Id.

⁶ SWEEP's "\$20 Billion Bonanza" Report, October 2012, p. 156.

1 equity (ROE).⁷ There are several other compelling arguments in favor of decoupling
2 mechanisms, including:

- 3 • They tend to remove the utility incentive to promote load growth, and thus
4 growth in expensive supply-side resources.
- 5 • They do not require complex and sometimes contentious measurements of
6 EE program load reductions.
- 7 • They tend to expand the range of EE activities that the utility engages in,
8 fostering innovation, economic growth, and local employment.

9 TEP's LFCR Proposal is a partial decoupling proposal as it provides an
10 opportunity for TEP to recover revenues associated with lost sales resulting from
11 implementation of the EES and the REST, but does not provide for revenue recovery
12 associated with weather or economic variability. Additionally, TEP is placing a cap on
13 the increase in the LFCR from year-to-year of 2%. That seems to be a very reasonable
14 limit in upward rate pressure that customers could experience in any given year relative
15 to a prior year.

16 The EE Resource Plan provides a way for TEP to finance its EE investments in a
17 manner comparable to other resource investments, to moderate the rate impact for
18 customers and to provide program funding continuity for ICs. Significant disruptions in
19 program funding and continuity can completely undermine the EES. There are
20 repercussions that flow from such disruption.

21 ICs have invested in providing services in Tucson. There are resource dedication
22 commitments that occur. Marketing plans and sales execution, contract management,
23 information technology investments, regulatory support, etc. The costs for creating a
24 new program in a new market are expensive. If revenues evaporate because funding has
25 evaporated, then ICs have investment but with no return. The same is true for customers
26 who have made a corporate commitment to participate with certain expectations,
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28 ⁷ Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's "Preliminary Analysis of the Energy Efficiency Standard (EES) and
Decoupling for APS", May 24, 2010, pp. 36-37.

1 including revenue, upon which they can no longer plan. Regaining customer trust after
2 such an experience isn't easily achieved. Also, companies may decide that the business
3 environment is too risky and deploy their resources elsewhere making it difficult to
4 attract new investment capital. The repercussions from such disruptions are very difficult
5 to overcome.

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7 **Q.12 What is the status of EnerNOC's contract with TEP?**

8 A.12 The enrollment of customers into EnerNOC's contract with TEP for purposes of
9 participating in the DLC Program has been suspended due to the lack of approval of
10 TEP's Revised 2011 EE Implementation Plan.

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12 **Q.13 Why was the DLC Program suspended?**

13 A.13 The Program was suspended due to lack of funding. More specifically, TEP filed for
14 approval of its 2011 EE Implementation Plan in January 2011. TEP's proposal initially
15 was contested by several parties, followed by TEP reaching a settlement with all parties,
16 except ACC Staff. The matter went to hearing in July 2012. Administrative Law Judge
17 Jane L. Rodda issued a recommended Opinion and Order which is now before the ACC
18 for a final decision. Without program funding, TEP concluded that it cannot afford to
19 continue its EE program implementation and, thus, suspended further enrollment in EE
20 programs, including EnerNOC's contract. EnerNOC's contract with TEP expires in
21 2014.

22 As a result of the events just described, EnerNOC has lost the opportunity to
23 realize the full contract value due to the suspension of enrollment in 2012 continuing into
24 2013.

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26 **Q.14 What are the implications of the suspension of the EE Programs?**

27 A.14 The suspension has created an environment of uncertainty as to the degree of regulatory
28 support for the EES. It has halted the investment of companies like EnerNOC in the

1 Arizona market. It has also created uncertainty in the customer community as to whether
2 they can count on the programs for the future. EE program implementation relies upon
3 customer willingness to modify their electricity consumption behavior by retrofitting or
4 replacing inefficient equipment, and changing behavior in response to pricing or
5 incentives. But, it requires customers to make a commitment to do something differently
6 than they were doing before. If programs are going to start and stop or come and go,
7 customers won't make those behavioral changes because there isn't a perceived
8 commensurate regulatory commitment to the program's continuation.

9 Customers embrace EE for many different reasons. It may be social
10 responsibility. It may be simple economics. The less the customer has to spend on
11 electricity, the more it can put into its primary business and its employees. Without EE,
12 there is only one direction for the cost of providing service to go: up. It will go up
13 because more resources will need to be acquired to accommodate growing demand.

14 During public comment at the hearing in Tucson in July 2012, many consumers
15 and local contractors expressed their support for the continuation of the EE programs,
16 even if it meant an increase in their rates. Many customers told tales of investing in EE
17 and DG measures that resulted in zero electricity costs. Many contractors told stories of
18 the rise of their businesses when they become EE contractors and the subsequent loss of
19 business when the funding evaporated. It was very clear that the interruption in funding
20 had an effect on local jobs in Tucson.

21 As an IC, EnerNOC has made a significant investment in developing the business
22 relationship with TEP and its customers. EnerNOC's ability to fulfill its contract with
23 TEP has been significantly reduced, including reduced revenues to EnerNOC relative to
24 its investment. EnerNOC has a four-year contract for 40 MW that expires in 2014 and
25 EnerNOC has only been able to enroll about 1/3 of its total contract commitment to date.
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1 In that regard, another recommendation in SWEEP's Report was to "commit to timely
2 approval of Energy Efficiency Implementation Plans".⁸

3 For all of these reasons, EnerNOC supports TEP's ability to have stability in its
4 funding mechanisms that translate into stable EE programs and stable regulatory support.
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6 **Q.15 Does that complete your Direct Testimony?**

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⁸ SWEEP's "\$20 Billion Bonanza" Report, October 2012, p. 156.